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Press Release

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Partners with
World Health Organization (WHO) to Help Combat
Outbreak of Yellow Fever in Darfur

On October 29th, 2012, USAID's partner the World Health Organization (WHO) was notified of a yellow fever outbreak in Darfur. Since then, the outbreak has spread to localities in all the five states of Darfur. As of January 6, 2013, the total number of suspected cases has reached 849, including 171 deaths (a case fatality rate of 20.1%).

Vaccination of the population at risk is the main preventive response measure during infectious disease outbreaks such as yellow fever. Two phases of yellow fever vaccination have already been conducted in 18 locations in Darfur. This [collaborative](#) intervention has helped reduce the number of new cases and the spread of the disease.

A third, and final phase of yellow fever vaccination is planned to cover approximately two million people residing in North Darfur (Kabkabiya); South Darfur (Edd Elfursan (including Kabum Locality), Elwihda and Mershing); East Darfur (Shaeriya (including Yassin Locality), and Eldaen); and Central Darfur (Rokiro and Um Dukhun). In addition to supporting the operational activities of WHO and the INGO partners engaged in the response, USAID (OFDA) has contributed 500,000 USD for this third phase of Yellow Fever vaccination. The first vaccine shipment of 670,400 doses is scheduled to arrive today, while the second shipment of 702,000 doses and a third shipment of 827,600 doses will be delivered shortly afterwards. We expect that with this third phase of vaccination, the yellow fever outbreak in Darfur will be controlled.

USAID remains committed to humanitarian and development activities that benefit the people of Sudan. USAID appreciates the positive collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health and looks forward to further collaboration.

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